

Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Tod Kasten, Dry Redwater Regional Water Authority, Circle, Montana; Ryan Garfield, Tule River Tribe of California, Porterville; and John F. Sullivan, Salt River Project, Phoenix, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 17, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; and

The nominations of Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President, Daniel M. Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, William J. Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, Kim N. Wallace, of Texas, to be Deputy Under Secretary, George Wheeler Madison, of Connecticut, to be General Counsel, and Rosa Gumataotao Rios, of California, to be Treasurer, all of the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, who was introduced by Senators McCain, Hatch, and Bennett, John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by former Vice President Walter Mondale, former Senator Bill Bradley, former Speaker of the House Tom Foley, Jonathan S. Addleton, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Teddy Bernard Taylor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Repub-

lic of Vanuatu, Martha Larzelere Campbell, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine D.C. public schools, focusing on education reform, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Michelle Rhee, District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor, Victor Reinoso, and Kerri L. Briggs, both of the District of Columbia Department of Education, all of Washington, D.C.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing to examine the reconsideration of bankruptcy reform, after receiving testimony from Alys Cohen, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, and Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Genirberg, Genirberg Law Office, Jonesboro, Georgia; and Joe Verdelotti, Jr., West Warwick, Rhode Island.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3303–3323; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 168; and H. Res. 674–675 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, requesting that the President and directing that the Secretary of Defense transmit to the House of Representatives all information in their possession relating to specific communications regarding detainees and foreign persons suspected of terrorism, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–221);

H. Res. 673, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3293) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and

Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–222);

H.R. 3219, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care (H. Rept. 111–223);

H.R. 3155, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–224);

H.R. 2770, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–225); and

H.R. 1293, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount payable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans for improvements and structural alterations furnished as part of home health services (H. Rept. 111–226).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Mark Campbell, Office for the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Hensarling announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Broun (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Tiahrt announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Bachmann announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Nunes did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a ye-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 616.

Pages H8600–01

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 21st:

Congratulating the 2008–2009 National Basketball Association Champions, the Los Angeles Lakers, on an outstanding and historic season: H. Res. 566, to congratulate the 2008–2009 National Basketball Association Champions, the Los Angeles

Lakers, on an outstanding and historic season, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 8 nays with 8 voting “present”, Roll No. 618 and

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Honoring the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, the community, and the Nation: H. Res. 350, to honor the life and accomplishments of Harry Kalas for his invaluable contributions to the national past-time of baseball, the community, and the Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 619.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Blackburn moved to discharge the Committee on Energy and Commerce from the consideration of H.R. 391, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that greenhouse gases are not subject to the Act, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 5).

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a ye-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 637.

Pages H8593–8602, H8604–82

Latham motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment was withdrawn.

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Rejected the second Latham motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 636.

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Agreed to:

Olver manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that decreases funding for the DOT Office of the Secretary by \$250,000 to increase funding for alternative fuel vehicle safety; increases the Federal Railroad Administration’s Railroad Research and Development account by \$3,000,000 and decreases the Financial Management Capital account by the same amount; increases funding for the FAA’s Office of Commercial Space by \$1,000,000 and decreases funding for the FAA’s Information Services account by the same amount; eliminates a Neighborhood Initiatives project and lowers the CDBG and Neighborhood Initiatives funding levels by \$2,000,000; modifies the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage program to ensure that it can be implemented; prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs that do not have Energy Star or Federal Energy Management Program designation; and prohibits first class travel for employees of agencies funded in the bill; Pages H8638–39

Schock amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that transfers from HUD Home

Investment Partnership Program to the HUD Housing Counseling Assistance for the sole purpose of providing pre-home purchase counseling; **Page H8643**

Cao amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that requires the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation to report to Congress on a quarterly basis on their efforts to mitigate mortgage default (rather than bi-annually); **Pages H8643–44**

Burton (IN) amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that requires that none of the funds in this act may be used by Amtrak to provide free alcohol; **Pages H8646–47**

Turner amendment (No. 13 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that prevent funds in the bill from being used to prohibit the establishment of any occupancy preference for veterans in supportive housing for the elderly that is assistance by HUD and is located on Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) property or is subject to an enhanced use lease with the VA; and **Page H8650**

Rangel amendment (No. 14 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that prohibits the use of funds for the implementation of the community service requirement for public housing residents. **Pages H8650–52**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike funding in the bill for the HOPE VI program (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 276 noes, Roll No. 620); **Pages H8639–41, H8664**

Latham amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce the "Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service" by \$3,000,000,000 to the President's request of \$1,000,000,000 and strike the transfer authority for the National Infrastructure Bank (by a recorded vote of 136 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 621); **Pages H8641–42, H8664–65**

Frelinghuysen amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to require that the FAA restrict the use of any funding for the implementation of the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia metropolitan area airspace redesign (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 622); **Pages H8644–45, H8665–66**

Blackburn amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to make an across the board cut of 5% to all funding accounts in the bill (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 623); **Pages H8645–46, H8666**

Jordan (OH) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce spending in the bill by \$20,050,000,000 in order to reflect FY2008 levels (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 624); **Pages H8647, H8666–67**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce

spending in the bill by \$13,533,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 625); **Pages H8647–49, H8667–68**

Stearns amendment (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to reduce by 25% the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by the bill that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 626); **Pages H8649–50, H8668**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000 from being used for the Terminal Replacement project at Grand Forks International Airport in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and reduce the amount of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 627); **Pages H8652–53, H8668–69**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the Murphy Theatre Community Center, Inc. in Wilmington, Ohio, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 628); **Pages H8653–55, H8669–70**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the construction of the Triangle Building by Alianza Dominicana, Inc., in New York, New York, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 629); **Pages H8655–56, H8670**

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$400,000 from being used for the renovation of a vacant building for economic development by the City of Jal, New Mexico, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 310 noes, Roll No. 630); **Pages H8656–57, H8670–71**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$250,000 from being used for the Monroe County Farmer's Market facility construction project of the Monroe County Fiscal Court and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 631); **Pages H8657–58, H8671–72**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000 from being used for the Millennium Technology Park in New Castle, Pennsylvania, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 632); **Pages H8658–60, H8672**

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to prohibit \$500,000

from being used for the reconstruction of Rib Mountain in Wisconsin, and reduce the amount of the appropriate section of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 633);

Pages H8660–61, H8672–73

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike \$2 million for the Doyle Drive Replacement project in San Francisco, California and reduce the overall cost of the bill by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 634); and

Pages H8661–62, H8673–74

Hensarling amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–219) that sought to strike \$750,000 for the Philadelphia Museum of Art Transportation Improvement Program in Pennsylvania and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount (by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 635).

Pages H8662–64, H8674

Withdrawn:

McHenry amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–219) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Amtrak's Office of Inspector General by \$1 million, offset by a reduction for Amtrak Operating Grants.

Pages H8642–43

H. Res. 669, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 617, after it was agreed to order the previous question without objection.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 669 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced a joint appointment by the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate and an appointment by the Speaker on the part of the House to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: Joint Appointment: Mr. Phil Angelides of Sacramento, CA, Chairman. Speaker's appointments: Ms. Brooksley Born of Washington, DC and Mr. John W. Thompson of Woodside, CA.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following individuals to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Honorable William M. Thomas of Bakersfield, CA (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Peter J. Wallison of Old Snowmass, CO.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and 16 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8601, H8602, H8601–03, H8603, H8664, H8664–65, H8665–66, H8666, H8666–67, H8667–68, H8668, H8668–69, H8669–70, H8670, H8670–71, H8671–72, H8672, H8672–73, H8673–74, H8674, H8681, H8681–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an oversight hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO, Visitor Services for the Capitol Visitor Center; Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; Bernie Ungar, CVC Project Executive; and Terrell Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE RECONFIGURATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on proposed reconfiguration of the National Defense Stockpile. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rick A. Lowden, Senior Materials Analyst, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, (Industrial Policy); and Cornel Holder, Administrator, National Defense Stockpile Center, Defense Logistics Agency; and a public witness.

SECTION 8 VOUCHER REFORM ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3045, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2009.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND VULNERABLE SOCIETIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment held a hearing on From L'Aquila to Copenhagen: Change and Vulnerable Societies. Testimony was heard from Thomas Karl, Director, National Climate Data Center, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America: Soft Power and the Free Flow of Information. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Broadcasting Board of Governors: Jeffrey Gedmin, President and CEO, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; and Danforth W. Austin, Director, Voice of America.

FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Protecting the Protectors: Examining the Personnel Challenges Facing the Federal Air Marshal Service." Testimony was heard from Robert Bray, Assistant Administrator/Director, Office of Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service, Transportation Security